

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 4-10 are pending. Claim 7 has been withdrawn from consideration, and is canceled without prejudice. Claim 1 is amended in order to improve readability. Support for the amendment to Claim 1 is found in the originally filed disclosure. Claim 10 is canceled without prejudice. New Claim 11 is added. Support for new Claim 11 is found on page 7, line 24 of the Specification text. No new matter is added upon entry of the amendment. Upon entry of the amendment, Claims 1-3, 4-6, 8-9, and 11 will be active.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the helpful suggestions in order to obtain allowance of the present application.

The rejections of any one of Claims 1-3 and 4-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs, are believed to be obviated by amendment.

Claim 1 is amended to read as follows:

Claim 1: A method for manufacturing magnetic paint, which comprises:

subjecting a magnetic paint to a preliminary dispersion step in the presence of a dispersion media to obtain a dispersed concentrated magnetic paint, the concentrated paint comprising at least one binder, at least one solvent, a magnetic powder, and a dispersion agent,

adding at least one solvent to the concentrated paint to obtain a dispersed magnetic paint;

subjecting the dispersed magnetic paint to a main dispersion step; and subsequently filtering to obtain the magnetic paint;

wherein the dispersion media in the main dispersion step have an average particle diameter y (mm) that satisfies the following relationship,

$y \leq 0.01 x$;

where x is an average maximum diameter x (nm) of the magnetic powder.

Applicants believe that Claim 1 is now adequately supported by the originally filed disclosure. Applicants also believe that Claim 1 is free of indefinite language.

It is kindly requested that the Examiner acknowledge the same and withdraw these rejections.

The objections of Claims 7 and 10 are believed to be obviated by amendment.

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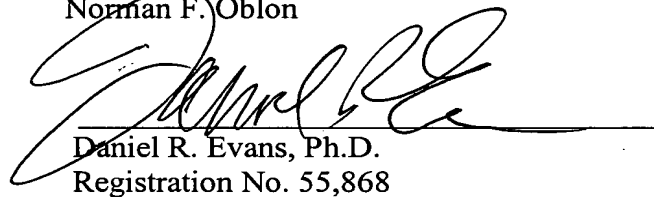
Claims 7 and 10 are canceled without prejudice.

It is kindly requested that the Examiner acknowledge the same and withdraw these objections.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the preceding remarks, Applicants believe that the present application is now in a condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the present response and believe that a discussion would be helpful in advancing this application toward allowance, she is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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